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A FOREWORD

The years 1937, 1938 and 1939 are a period during which the American people will observe as a national celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Signing, Ratification and Adoption of the Constitution of the United States. In addition to the national commemoration, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in which the Constitution was signed, adopted and ratified, is making plans for a special celebration.

Feeling that an understanding of the historical significance of this great state document is essential, the Pennsylvania Historical Commission has prepared the following bibliography of books dealing with the Constitution.

This is a working list for those who wish to obtain information regarding the Constitution, the circumstances under which it came into being, and the life and social customs of the people of that day. It includes individual biographies of important delegates to the Constitution Convention; others are included in collective biographies. Whenever possible contemporary documents or books of the 1700's and 1800's have been included.

It is the hope of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission that this bibliography will be of value to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has been carefully prepared and, though not a complete list, we feel that it will be of service to historical and patriotic societies, clubs and organizations wishing to find material dealing with the Constitution.

The bibliography is the work of Helen H. Aten, A.L.A., and was especially prepared for the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

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